(iii) क्षेत्र में उपयुक्तता के लिए खाद्य, बागवानी तथा अन्य फसलों की किस्मों का पता लगाना;

(iv) अनुसंधान परिणामों तथा प्रौद्योगिकियों का राज्य के विभागों तथा उपयोगकर्ता एजेंसियों का स्थानांतरण ताकि वे उन्हें अपना सकें।

Adulteration in Fertilizer!

3299. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government are aware of complaints made by farmers in Maharashtra about the adulteration in fertilizers during the year 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that there is no adulteration in fertilizers ; and

(d) what action has been taken in cases of adulteration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NET AM) : (a) No complaint has been received from the farmers with regard to adulteration in fertilisers doring 1993-94 in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following are some of the important steps taken by the Government to ensure the supply of quality fertilisers :—

(i) The Fertilisers (Control) Order, 1985 empowers the Central and State Governments to enforce quality standards in production and distribution of fertilisers through duly notified Fertiliser Inspectors. This Order is amended, from time to time, on need based considerations to ensure effective implementation of quality control standards.

(ii) The State Governments have been delegated adequate powers to impliment the Order and take legal action against offenders.

(iii) There are 53 Fertiliser Control Laboratories in the country having an analysing capacity of 98360 samples per year. A Central Sector Scheme, to strengthen these Laboratories, on need based considerations has been taken up during the current Plan.

(d) Depending on the extent and nature of nutrient deficiency, the following legal actions are taken in cases of adulteration :—

(i) Issue of warnings.

(ii) Suspension and cancellation of Certificate of Registration.

(iii) Seizure of stocks.

(iv) Criminal prosecution of offenders in which penalty imposed may extend to imprisonment upto 7 years, with or without fine.

Specification for Potassic Fertilizers

3300. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be plealsed to state :

(a) what are the specification for potas sic fertilizers ;

(b) what is the small particle size allow-ed In the specifications ;

(c) whether the smaller particles contain different compositions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons for framing these specifications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NET AM) : (a) and (b) The specifications of potassic fertilisers included in Fertilser Control Order, 1985 are given in the enclosed statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) The chemical composition remains the same irrespective of particle size. Specifications of particle size has been prescribed in the Feriiliser Control Order to optimise convenience in field applica tion and utilisation.